

## Ninth Green Power Marketing Conference

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- Electric Restructuring Act of 1997
  - Authorizes a Renewable Portfolio Standard
  - Establishes Massachusetts Renewable Energy
    Trust
    - Funded by Renewable Energy Charge to Electric Customers
    - Administered by the Massachusetts Technology Park Corporation
    - Promote Renewable Energy Development



- Renewable Portfolio Standard
  - Established by the Massachusetts Division of Energy Resources
    - Minimum purchase requirements
    - Regulations Effective April 2003
      - 225 C.M.R. 14.00
    - Resources that qualify include solar, wind, ocean (thermal, wave and tidal), fuel cells (using renewable fuels), land-fill gas, and low-emission biomass



## Renewable Portfolio Standards

- As a percent of sales, renewable energy percentages increase from one percent in 2003 to four percent in 2009 and increase at one percent per year unless directed by Massachusetts DOER
- Estimated annual energy from new renewable sources increases from 450 GWh in 2003 to 1968 GWh in 2009
- Alternative Compliance Path established



- Renewable Energy Charge
  - A per KWh charge on customer's bill
    - Customers of electric companies and municipalities that participate in competitive marketplace
  - Currently at 0.05 cents
    - Approximately 38 cents per month for typical residential bill
- Estimated to generate approximately \$240 million through 2004



- Renewable Energy Trust
  - Funding programs that provides grants and loans for renewable energy projects
    - Waste-to-energy
    - Green schools, buildings, and power
  - Research and outreach
    - Solar, wind, and ocean technologies
    - Education and public awareness



- State Renewable Energy Tax Incentives
  - Income tax credit
  - Sales tax credit
  - Local property tax exemption
  - Corporate income tax deduction
  - Hydropower property tax exemption
  - Alternative energy patent deduction



## Company Sponsored Programs

- Massachusetts Electric Company
  - Green Up Renewable Energy Options (2003)
  - For Standard Offer and Default Service Customers
  - Allows customers to choose all or part of their generation requirements from renewable sources
- NStar Electric
  - Green Power Program
    - Program under redesign



- Renewable Energy Information Disclosure
  - MA DTE restructuring regulations require generation information disclosure
    - Fuel, emissions, and labor characteristics
  - NEPOOL Generator Information System
    - Adopted by MA DTE (2004)
      - D.T.E. 03-62-A

## Resources

- Department of Telecommunications and Energy
  - http://www.mass.gov/dte
- Division of Energy Resources
  - http://www.mass.gov/doer
- Massachusetts Technology Collaborative
  - http://www.mtpc.org
- Division of Revenue
  - http://www.dor.state.ma.us, 800-392-6089
- NEPOOL GIS
  - http://www.nepoolgis.com







